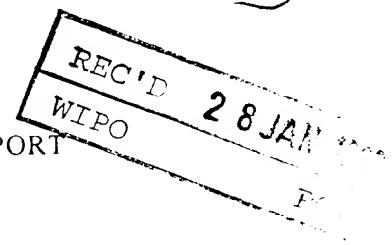


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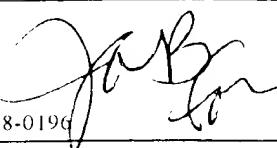
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



Applicant's or agent's file reference 032384-026	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/US98/00246	International filing date (day/month/year) 02 JANUARY 1998	Priority date (day/month/year) 02 JANUARY 1997
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(6): C07H 21/00 and US Cl.: 536/25.3		
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<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of <u>0</u> sheets.</p> <p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (Substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments):

the international application as originally filed.

the description, pages 1-27, as originally filed.

pages NONE, filed with the demand.

pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

the claims, Nos. 1-32, as originally filed.

Nos. NONE, as amended under Article 19.

Nos. NONE, filed with the demand.

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the drawings, sheets/fig NONE, as originally filed.

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2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages NONE

the claims, Nos. NONE

the drawings, sheets/fig NONE

3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box. Additional observations below (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

NONE

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-32</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-32</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-32</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-32 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the stabilization of triple helices utilizing the compositions as claimed.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

NONE

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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION
(PCT Rule 61.2)

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(6) :C07H 21/00

US CL :536/25.3

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 435/6; 536/25.3; 935/77,78

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	Matthews et al., REVIEW Analytical Strategies for the Use of Probes", Analytical Biochemistry, 1988, Volume 169, pages 1-25, see especially pages 4-5 in the section entitled "2.3 Rapid Procedures".	1-32
Y	US, 5,474,911 A (PONTIUS) 12 December 1995, see especially the abstract and column 3, line 16, through column 4, line 17.	1-32
Y	US, 5,521,061 A (BRESSER ET AL.) 28 May 1996, see especially the abstract and column 3, line 37, through column 6, line 3.	1-32

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

• Special categories of cited documents:	"T"	later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
• "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	"X"	document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
• "B" earlier document published on or after the international filing date	"Y"	document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
• "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	"&"	document member of the same patent family
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Electronic data bases consulted (Name of data base and where practicable terms used):

APS, CAS, MEDLINE, WPI, BIOTECH ABS, BIOSIS, EMBASE
search terms: triple helix, helices, hybridiz?, stabiliz?, and enhance?